ELEVATOR SPRINKLER REQUIREMENTS ~~MORATORIUM~~
~~FURTHER AMENDED~~-EMERGENCY CODE CHANGE LANGUAGE
(Code Change 780CMR904.1-12-02-E1)

(I)   Amend 780 CMR, Chapter 9, Section 904.1 to read:

904.1 Where required: Automatic fire suppression systems shall be installed where required by 780 CMR and in the locations indicated in 780 CMR ~~904.2~~ 904.1 through 904.9

(II)   Add an Exception 3. to the list of Exceptions in 780 CMR 904.1 to read:

3. ~~By Moratorium*, effective May 14, 2002 to June 30, 2004 December 31, 2003~~ ~~June 30, 2003 December 31, 2002, inclusive;~~ Automatic sprinkler protection is precluded in: (a) all new construction elevator machine rooms of traction/drum elevators; (b) all new construction elevator machine rooms of hydraulic elevators; (c) all new construction elevator hoistways and elevator pits. ***(Note that capped, inactive sprinkler piping would be allowed ~~installed pending the Moratorium outcome~~)**

~~Note also that new construction machine rooms of dumbwaiters are not part of no longer~~ ~~subject to this sprinkler Moratorium.~~

Such elevator machine rooms and hoistway/pit enclosures shall be constructed to afford at least the fireresistance rating specified in Table 602 and otherwise as required/allowed by the applicable portions of 780 CMR Chapter 7 (typically, but not always, the hoistway/pit and machine room will have a minimum fireresistance rating of 2 hours with elevator opening protectives rated at 1 1/2 hours but ratings of 1 hour for hoistway/pit and machine rooms and 3/4 hours for elevator opening protectives may be allowed).

Where Table 602 requires a ~~higher~~ fireresistance rating for elevator machine rooms, hoistways and/or pits, such rating must be provided <u>unless such ratings are governed by other Building Code Sections.</u>

For elevator installation within atriums also see 780 CMR 404 for additional fireresistance rating guidance.

Where the elevator machine room is determined to be a true penthouse roof structure, also refer to 780 CMR 1510 for additional fireresistance rating requirements.